

(c) whether the Government propose to privatise the phone system in the country as in USA and other countries?

than the rentals in Norway, UK and USA. The information relating to Malaysia, Thailand and China is not available.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The rental charges by Delhi Telephones is not higher

(b) The comparative annual rentals for telephones in Norway, UK and USA as per the information available is as under:-

Norway (as on January 1990)	—	Rs. 3684.24	— No free calls
U.K. (September 1990)			
Residence	—	Rs. 3538.12	— No free calls
Business	—	Rs. 5732.83	— No free calls
U.S.A. (January 1988)	—	Rs. 4560.65	— No free calls.
DELHI (on date)	—	Rs. 1980.00	— free calls 900 per annum. @ 150 per bimonthly billing period

(c) No, Sir.

being worked out and will be placed on the Table for the House.

#### Telecom Facilities in Maharashtra

[Translation]

#### Microwave System in Rajasthan

4074. SHRI RAMCHANDRA GHAN-GARE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

4075. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to extend Telecommunication facilities in Maharashtra;

(a) the steps taken by the Government to make communication system more effective in tribal areas such as Udaipur, Banwara and Dungarpur of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details of places selected for the purpose, district-wise; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

(b) whether the Government propose to introduce microwave system in hilly areas in the State; and

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(c) if so, when?

(b) and (c) The details for 1992-93 are

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE

**MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):** (a) The communication system in the tribal areas of Rajasthan has been already improved by the introduction of 60 channel UHF systems on Ratlan-Banswara-Dungarpur route and optical fibre system on Jaipur-Ajmer-Udaipur-Ahmedabad route. A digital 6 GHz microwave scheme between Dungarpur-Banswara-Ratlan has been planned for commissioning in 1995-96. Further, 34 mb/s optical fibre system has been proposed on Udaipur-Nathdwara-Kankroli-Amet-Devgarh-Bhim-Beawar route.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A 120 channel digital UHF system between Mt. Abu-Abu Road has been planned for commissioning in 1992-93.

[English]

**Power Project in the Coastal Areas of Tamil Nadu**

**4076. SHRI D. PANDIAN:** Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project in the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu for utilisation of the tidal waves for power generation has been approved;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI):** (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) The potential for economic power generation utilising tidal energy has so far been identified only in the Gulf of Kachchh

and the Gulf of Bombay on the western coast and in the delta of Ganga in Sunderbans on the eastern coast. Detailed investigations and studies to establish the techno-economic feasibility of tidal power generation have so far been undertaken only in the Gulf of Kachchh.

**Upgradation of Sub-Post Offices in Kerala**

**4077. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to upgrade the sub-post offices in Kerala during 1992-93; and

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

**Sanction of Telephone Connections in Delhi from M.Ps quota**

**4078. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telephone sanctions issued by his Ministry in Delhi upto 30.4.91 on the recommendations of the then Members of parliament are still pending for installation;

(b) if so, the number of such cases pending for installation; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE**